

Delete line 1, and insert:

Abstract Of The Disclosure--

Line 5, delete "(ASN.1)".

Delete line 6, and insert:

--transmitted encoded as text. A form of plain-text encoding may generally be used.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

12. (New) A method for transmitting information, comprising the steps of:
- using a data structure that is defined by a formal language called Abstract Syntax Notation One; and
 - transmitting information encoded as text.
13. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the step of transmitting includes the step of transmitting information encoded as plain text.
14. (New) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of:
- transmitting a designation of a data type with each piece of the transmitted information, the designation of the data type being defined by the formal language called Abstract Syntax Notation One.
15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the step of transmitting the designation includes the steps of placing the designation in front of each piece of the transmitted information and separating the designation from each piece of the transmitted information by a predefined separator character.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the step of separating the designation includes the step of separating the designation from each piece of the transmitted information by an equal sign.

17. (New) The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of:
outputting a form of the encoded information by using a standard, readily available output facility.

18. (New) The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of:
transmitting the encoded information via Common Management Information Protocol, the encoded information relating to management of public telecommunications networks.

19. (New) The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of:
transmitting the encoded information between a subscriber system and a public telecommunications network, the encoded information relating to a subscriber system performed management of the public telecommunications network.

20. (New) The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of:
creating an e-mail interface for transmitting the text-encoded information.

21. (New) The method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of:
using encoding tables, the encoding tables being adaptable to character sets of transmitting systems.

22. (New) The method according to claim 12, further comprising the steps of :
automatically encoding and sending management information; and
automatically receiving and decoding the management information.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-11 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/EP98/02204. This Preliminary Amendment further adds new claims 12-22. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

The above amendments to the specification and abstract conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules, and do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/EP98/02204 includes an International Search Report dated January 11, 1999. The International Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the underlying PCT Application. A copy of the International Search Report is included herewith. Also enclosed is a translation of the International Search Report.

The underlying PCT Application also includes an International Preliminary Examination Report dated July 7, 1999. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report is included herewith. Also enclosed is a translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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